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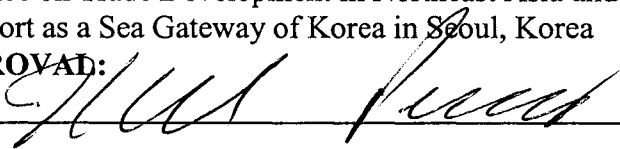
DATE: October 5th, 2006

TO: Administrative Committee and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: International Conference on Trade Development in Northeast Asia and the Role of
Pyeongtaek/Dangjin Port as a Sea Gateway of Korea in Seoul, Korea

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve SCAG staff to attend the international conference on "Trade Development in Northeast Asia and the Role of Pyeongtaek/Dangjin Port as a Sea Gateway of Korea" in Seoul, Korea on December 8th, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG was invited by Professor Hee Seok Bang, Dean of College of Social Science and Director of Northeast Asian Logistics & Distribution Institute at Chung-Ang University, to attend the international conference on "Trade Development in Northeast Asia and the Role of Pyeongtaek/Dangjin Port as a Sea Gateway of Korea", to be held at the Korea Trade Tower (COEX) in Seoul, Korea on December 8th, 2006.

This conference is hosted by both Pyeongtaek City and the Korea Academy for International Commerce, and organized by the Northeast Asian Logistics and Distribution Institute, Chung-Ang University. The purpose of the conference is to discuss how to promote efficient international trade and logistics around the world in general and Northeast Asia in particular and to develop the port of Pyeongtaek as a gateway of the Seoul metropolitan area in Korea. The discussion will include international commerce, transportation, port logistics, and smooth cargo flow, etc.

SCAG is expected to present the paper on policy and experience of SCAG for the smooth cargo flow of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Ports at the conference and Chung-Ang University.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Pyeongtaek City and the Korea Academy for International Commerce will pay for any travel related expenses.

Dear Sirs,

We are pleased to invite you to the conference held in the COEX, Seoul, Korea, on Friday 8 December 2006. The main topic of the conference is "Trade Development in Northeast Asia and the Role of Pyeongtaek/Dangjin Port as a Sea Gateway of Korea"

The conference will be hosted by the Pyeongtaek City and the Korea Academy for International Commerce, and organized by the Northeast Asian Logistics and Distribution Institute, Chung-Ang University, Seoul, Korea. Additional support will be provided by the Korea Research Foundation and the Korea International Logistics Council.

The Conference aims to discuss how to promote efficient international trade and logistics around the world in general and Northeast Asia in particular and to develop the port of Pyeongtaek as a gateway of the metropolitan area in Korea. At the same time, it gives researchers, industrialists and politicians the opportunity to contribute to discussion regarding international commerce, transportation, port logistics and smooth cargo flow etc. By bringing together scholars, professional and politicians around the world, the conference will open-up a dialogue on the international trade and port logistics for supporting and promoting Pyeongtaek/Dangjin port in Korea in overcoming the challenges and obstacles facing international trade and port logistics.

The expenses for the overseas' speakers including air ticket, accommodation and local transportation will be covered by the hoster of the conference. The speakers are necessary to e-mail the papers until 15th of November, 2006 to ship@cau.ac.kr.

If you have any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact with us.

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Best wishes,

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